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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In February 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **J. Trini Rivera** (NC10018306) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly performed a medical examination which is outside of his scope of practice and inappropriately touched the patient's genitals.

Chelan County

In February 2009 the Registered Counselor Program charged **Stephen A. Pasion** (RC00060391) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly had sexual intercourse with a patient.

Clark County

In February 2009 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Melanie Burnam** (RN00114828) with unprofessional conduct. She either failed to comply with her employer's drug wasting procedure or diverted controlled substances at her place of employment.

In January 2009 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Sarah Nicole Denis** (RC60013084) and placed her registration on probation for two years. She was convicted of identity forgery, identity theft on more than one occasion, and possession of a schedule II controlled substance on more than one occasion. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration. She is also known as Sarah Nicole Wasilk.

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Island County

In February 2009 Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System reinstated the license of IV/Airway technician **Robert A. McCardle** (ES00116987).

In January 2009 the Board of Pharmacy terminated the order of probation against pharmacist **Janet Saulie** (PH00020957).

King County

In February 2009 the Unlicensed Practice Program issued a notice of intent to issue cease and desist order to **Billie S. Barnes**. She allegedly performed an examination on a pregnant woman, injected medication, and conducted blood draws. She was not licensed as a health care provider at the time of the alleged conduct.

In February 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Fatou M. Barron** (NA00145690) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly applied for employment with a false social security number and multiple forged certificate documents. She is also known as Fatou M. Barrow.

In January 2009 the Examining Board of Psychology terminated the order of probation against **Stephen J. Cummings** (PY00000843).

In January 2009 the Board of Pharmacy terminated the order of probation against pharmacist **Wayne Engstrom** (PH00007938).

In February 2009 the Board of Massage granted the application of **Hosea Immanuel** (MA60036633) and placed his license on probation for two years. He was convicted of driving under the influence, negligent driving, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In February 2009 the Board of Hearing and Speech charged hearing instrument fitter and dispenser **Stephen A. Kahmann** (HA0000074) with unprofessional conduct. Allegations include failing to keep adequate records about a patient, failing to recommend medical consultation for a patient who had impacted cerumen in both ears, and harming the patient by trying to remove the blockages.

In January 2009 the Registered Counselor Program charged **Andrea J. Kunz** (RC00059585) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against her registration.

In February 2009 the Board of Massage reinstated the license of **Gabrielle F. Summers** (MA00020902).

In January 2009 the Board of Pharmacy terminated the order of probation against pharmacy technician **Julie Tran** (VA00061213).

In January 2009 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of **Alfred Lee White** (CP60050044) and placed his license on probation until he complies with previous terms and conditions set against his registered counselor registration. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In January 2009 the Board of Pharmacy terminated the order of probation against pharmacist **Christopher Zeh** (PH00019050).

Okanogan County

In February 2009 the Unlicensed Practice Program issued a notice of intent to issue cease and desist order to **Lawrence D. Hooper**. He allegedly charged patients for counseling services and administered and recommended a substance supposedly to cure symptoms of an emotional condition. He isn't licensed as a counselor, physician, or other health care professional in the state of Washington.

Pierce County

In January 2009 the Registered Counselor Program denied the application of **Bruce S. Edwards** (RC60057389). He was convicted of assault.

In January 2009 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Kent Gebhardt** (RC00060193) and placed his registration on probation for three years. His license to practice as an osteopathic physician in Washington was suspended. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

In February 2009 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Billy Lee Jacobs** (RC60040868) and placed his registration on probation for three years. He was convicted of criminal trespassing and theft. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

Skagit County

In February 2009 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Clarissa Fortner** (LP00053082) with unprofessional conduct. Allegations include failing to administer medications, failing to adequately document and assess a patient, and failing to notify the family or physician of a change in a patient's condition.

Snohomish County

In February 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Cristina J. Chavez** (NA00202045) with unprofessional conduct. She was allegedly found in possession of various drugs and charged with possession with two counts of intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance.

Spokane County

In February 2009 the Naturopathy Program released **John D. Soileau** (NT00000972) from conditions on his license.

Whatcom County

In February 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Shawn A. Ferreira** (NC10072710) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly accepted money from two patients.

In February 2009 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Leslie J. Gesner** (LP00050939) with unprofessional conduct. Her license to practice as a midwife in Washington was revoked.

Out of State

California: In January 2009 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged **Thomas Coolberth** (CP00003066) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly has misused alcohol and/or controlled substances.

Oregon: In February 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Stacey L. Torgusson** (NA00201103) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against her registration.

Texas: In February 2009 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacist **Joan T. Rue** (PH00018354) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly filled and dispensed prescriptions for legend drugs that the pharmacy received from an Internet prescription service.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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